St. Mary of the Rockies
Catholic Church

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Be Not Afraid

November 15, 2026

Thirty-thirdSunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 / Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

So close to Thanksgiving Day, a parable that seems to champion the Puritan work ethic feels fitting. The parable in today's gospel appears to celebrate sincere, positive efforts, while at the same time, it does not look kindly on lackluster attempts. But, as with all of Jesus' parables, we need to take a closer look.

In this instance, the third servant deserves examination. His situation seems to be not so much about work as it is about fear and hopelessness. It is not that he is unable to produce or to take the action needed; rather, he is bound and limited by fear and his perception of what the master requires. His fear makes it impossible for him to do what is required of him, so he does not respond.

We do not know how the master would have reacted if the servant had tried and failed. We do not know if an honest effort on the servant's part would have been enough. We do know that the master rejects fear as an excuse for inaction, and for this reason, the servant is singled out and punished. His fear not only made it impossible for him to work but also prompted the exact circumstance he was trying to avoid: displeasing the master. From the viewpoint of the parable, the servant's decision was not a good one.

INFO

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303-838-237 ext. 4

Saturday, Noveber 14: Vigil of *XXXIII Sunday in OT*
4:00PM: For: Bob & Lynn Salentine 50th Anniversary

Sunday, November 15: XXXIII Sunday in OT
9:00AM: For: Living and Deceased Parishioners of St Mary of the Rockies

Monday, November 16: St Margaret of Scotland
NO MASS

Tuesday, November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
8:30AM: For: Souls in Purgatory & Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, November 18: Ordinary Time
8:30PM: For: John Berres (D)

Thursday, November 19: Ordinary Time
8:30AM: For: Linda & Bart Pearlman (D)

Friday, November 20: Ordinary Time
8:30AM: For: Manuel Chavez

Saturday, Nov. 21: Vigil of Christ the King
4:00PM: For: Linda & Bart Pearlman (D)

Sunday, Nov. 22: Christ the King
9:00AM: For: Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Mary of the Rockies

Joke of the Week:
What do you call an alligator in a vest?
An Investigator!

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Masses
Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 AM

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 PM
Thursday: 9:10 - 9.50 AM
and by appointment

Holy Days
9:00 AM, 6:00 PM

Holy Hour
Thursday: 9:00am-10:00 AM

Rosary
8.30 AM - Every Sunday before Mass

OFFERTORY

Offertory Budget: $132,800
Weekly Offertory Budget: $2,554
November 7/8,2026 $1,328.00
Online Giving: $1,564.00

2026 Diocesan Ministry Appeal
Goal: $9,038
Collected: $9,140 (101%)

PRAY FOR...

All Members of St. Mary of the Rockies

May Jesus, the Divine Physician, restore them to the fullness of llfe and health and liberate them from all afflictions, let us pray to the Lord.

We encourage parishioners to pray for our friends and family members. Contact the office with requests to add or remove names, 303-838-2375.

Names will remain on this list for four (4) weeks unless otherwise requested.

MINISTRIES

Saturday Nov. 21 4:00PM Mass

EMHC: Shirley Maroney

Lector: Bob Salentine

Sacristan: Roger Maroney

Collections: OPEN

Sunday Nov. 22 9:00AM Mass

EMHC: Glenn & Kathy Pence

Lector: Zak Dombrowski

Sacristan: Patty Schmidt

Collections: OPEN

November Church Linens

Melanie Brown

Counter(s), November 23

Shirley & Roger Maroney

St. Mary of the Rockies Knights of Columbus #15956

The Knights of Columbus is sponsering several events over the Christmas season. Essay Contest: Return forms by Dec. 13th. First Place $75.00. Second Place $50.00. Poster Contest: Return forms by Dec. 13th. First Place in each age group $25.00. Second place $10 Forms and rules for both contests are on the side table. The Knights will also be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets for $5.00 after each mass starting on November 21st.

The Belles of St. Mary of the Rockies

The Belles of St. Mary is a Women's Ministry that provides fellowship, support, spiritual growth, and opportunities for women to discover their gifts and talents. The Belles seek to glorify God through supporting the Pastor's vision, working with all other parish ministries and expanding our outreach to the community. All women are welcome. If you are interested in learning more about the Belles' Ministry please feel free to attend one of our monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month in the Church's basement at 11:00.

Dear Padre

November 15, 2026

At Mass, I have difficulty communing with God after receiving Communion because of the noise and activity. Why not more silence?

During Mass, communal silence is called for within the Penitential Act, for people to recollect themselves; at the end of a reading or the homily, so all can meditate briefly on what they've heard; and then after Communion, for people to praise and pray to God in their hearts. (See General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 45.) In other words, there is a silence that reflects our contrition before God; a silence that reflects our need to ponder his word; and a deep silence before God that reflects awe and incapacity for words after receiving the Body and Blood of Christ!

After Communion, a period of communal silence for personal prayer is intended before other activities, such as a second collection or announcements. Also, a psalm, canticle of praise, or hymn may be sung. (See GIRM 88, 164.) Liturgical silence is indispensable to the rhythm of a balanced celebration. Without it, the celebration can become perfunctory in its haste or burdensome in its unrelieved sound and songii (Introduction to the Order of Mass, 48, USCCB, 2003). As St. Alphonsus wrote in The Holy Eucharist: 'There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion."

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday
November 16
Weekday
Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5
Lk 18:35–43

Tuesday
November 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Rv 3:1–6, 14–22
Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday
November 18
Weekday
Rv 4:1–11
Lk 19:11–28

Thursday
November 19
Weekday
Rv 5:1–10
Lk 19:41–44

Friday
November 20
Weekday
Rv 10:8–11
Lk 19:45–48

Saturday
November 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:4–12
Lk 20:27–40

Sunday
November 22
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ez 34:11–12, 15–17
1 Cor 15:20–26, 28
Mt 25:31–46